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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—E. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
PARIS.—ADEMER PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.
SAN FRANCISCO.—AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAUER & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.
CHINA.—Macao, F. A. DE CRUZ, Straits, Queluz & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLAS & CO., Foochow, HEDD & CO., Ningpo, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000
PAID-UP £500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THIRTY-NINTH STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits.—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" " 6 " 4 "

" " 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of
THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1068

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital £7,600,000
Reserve Fund £4,500,000
Reserve for Equivalency £3,200,000
Reserve Liabilities of Proprietors £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—M. GROTE, Esq.
Hon. J. BELL IRVING, Esq.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
W. H. T. DIBBLEY, Esq.
H. L. DAILEY, Esq.
Hon. F. D. SAMSON, Esq.

Chief Manager,
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
Manager,
Shanghai, EVER CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

" " 6 " 4 "

" " 3 " 5 "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 22, 1886. 947

Business Notices.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

BEG to announce that they have just received their NEW STOCK OF CARPETS AND FURNISHING GOODS IN THIS SEASON'S DESIGNS, comprising—

3,500 YARDS BEST QUALITY BRUSSELS CARPETS in Art Designs and Colorings, with Borders and Rugs to Match.

2,000 YARDS 2ND QUALITY BRUSSELS CARPETS in Art Designs and Colorings, with Borders and Rugs to Match.

3,000 YARDS TAPESTRY CARPETS in Art Designs and Colorings with Borders and Rugs to Match.

'KENSINGTON CARPETS.'—These are inexpensive but most Artistic productions of the English Loom, woven in one piece, without seam, bordered, fringed and reversible: may be had in a variety of Patterns and Sizes, suitable for Reception and Bedrooms.

'WESTMINSTER CARPETS.'—These are similar in texture to a medium quality Brussels Carpets, most Artistic in Design, inexpensive and durable, suitable for Dining and Drawing Rooms. A great Variety to Select from in Various Sizes.

'ORIENTAL CARPETS AND RUGS.'—A Splendid Collection of Antique Persian and Indian Rugs and Carpets—Daghestan, Kouli, and Scinde Rugs in great variety. An immense assortment of Axminster and Velvet Hearth Rugs, Sofa Carpets, and Door Mats. Sheepskin Rugs and Mats in all Colorings.

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Business Notices.

W. POWELL & CO.

EX STEAMSHIP NESTOR.

NEW

WINTER DRESS MATERIALS,

OVER 350 PIECES.

PRICE from 15 CENTS per Yard.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, September 14, 1886.

1774

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

WILL HOLD, FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, A Great Clearance Sale.

COMMENCING MONDAY, the 11th October, and Finishing SATURDAY, the 16th October.

All Last Season's FANCY GOODS, at HALF PRICE.

A Quantity of BOOKS of TRAVEL, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORY and WORKS OF FICTION, at HALF PRICE.

A Lot of ONE DOLLAR FRENCH NOVELS, at 40 Cents each or \$3.50 per dozen.

A Quantity of SONGS and POPULAR DANCE MUSIC, usual price, 75 Cents each, offered at 20 Cents each or 6 pieces for \$1.00.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 9, 1886. 1912

1937

Intimations.

HONGKONG MASONIC CLUB, LIMITED.

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

EX. AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.
Smoked HAMS.
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.
Assorted SYRUPS.
Cutting's Table FRUITS.
ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.
Sausage MEAT.
CAVIAR.
Potted MEATS.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
Eagle Brand MILK.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Green CORN.
Baked BEANS.
BRAWN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of
COOKING AND PARLOUR
STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.
WORFLE IRONS.
CHARCOAL IRONS.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
NONPAEIL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.
SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @ \$1 and \$12.
CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.
SAUCONY'S SHERRY.
SAUCONY'S INVALID PORT.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
HERRIS'S CHERRY CORDIAL.
ASSORTED Liqueurs.
DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
OF
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices.
FOR CASH.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE,
Quarts... \$20 per case of 1 doz.
Pints... \$21 " 2 "
Dubois Frères & de Germon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
WHITE WINES.
Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree'
WHISKY, \$7½ per case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

To Let.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK,
Good TENNIS GROUND attached.
Apply to
DENNYS & MOSSOP.
Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS'.
Nos. 2, 7 and 9, SEVENTEEN TERRACE,
No. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, September 28, 1886. 632

TO LET.

FROM the 1st September next, the Com-
modious PREMISES known as the
P. & O. OFFICES, lately in the occupa-
tion of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.
For further Particulars, apply to the
Under-signed.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 21, 1886. 1614

TO LET.

FROM the First of November, THE
NEW PREMISES, BANK BUILDINGS,
immediately opposite the HONGKONG
HOTEL, Main Entrance, On the Ground
Floor. Two Handsome Plate-Glass Show
Frontages each of 40 feet, and on the Second
Floor a Suite of 2 large and airy ROOMS.

BREEZY POINT, HOMESTEAD ROAD,
With Immediate Possession.

GODDOWNS at WEST POINT—Large and
Small.

COAL STORAGE.

Apply to
SHARP & Co.
1862

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer
"Amber."

Captain Geo. Alexander
will be despatched for the
above Port on THURSDAY, the 14th
Instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 11, 1886. 1844

To-day's Advertisements.



PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG,
No. 1105.

A regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on SATUR-
DAY, the 10th Instant, at 8.30 p.m.
VENTING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.
Hongkong, October 9, 1886. 1945

STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE OFFICE of the above Company
has been REMOVED to BANK BUILD-
INGS, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.
C. D. KERR,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 11, 1886. 1947

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of
T CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held at Kennedy Town, on MON-
DAY, the 25th day of October, 1886, at 4
p.m., are published for general information,
By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1886. 1948

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction
of October, 1886, for Order of His Excellency, the
Government, of Land in the Colony, for a term
of 999 years.

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To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Emerald,"
Captain Focouk, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPLAIT & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, October 11, 1886. 1942

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Co.'s Steamship
"Emerald,"
Captain Hanrix, will be
despatched for the above
Port on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, October 11, 1886. 1943

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1886. 1944

Not Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, nor
Officers will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. H. J.
Hemingway.—ARNOLD, Armed Ketch & Co.
BORGIA, Norwegian barque, Captain Ch.
Henrikson.—MELCHIOR & Co.

GALATEA, British ship, Captain William
Colville.—BORNEO CO., Ltd.

HARVESTER, American ship, Captain Wm.
Taylor.—ORDER.

HYDRA, German barque, Capt. C. Bing.
—SIEMENS & Co.

JOHN THOMAS, British ship, Capt. Thos.
Ryan.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

METAPORA, British steamer, Capt. J. B.
Parvis.—RUSSELL & Co.

RALPH M. HANFORD, Am. barque, Capt.
Joseph Butler.—ARNOLD, Ketch & Co.

SARAH HIGGINS, American ship, Capt. A.
Sarah Higgins.—EST. SEDGWICK & Co.

SIR, Dutch steamer, Captain H. G.
Ruhmkorff.—SIGNERS & Co.

SPINAWAY, British barquentine, Captain
James Garrick.—SIEMENS & Co.

ARRIVALS.

October 9 1886.—
ANCORA, British steamer, 3,131, S. F.
Cole, Shanghai October 7, Mails & General
P. & O. S. N. O.

October 10.—
ARVON, British steamer, from Whampoa.
NORDA, Danish steamer, from Whampoa.
SOOCHEE, British steamer, from Macao.
ESPIRE, British gunboat, from a cruise.

CHINA, German steamer, 646, T. P.
Uderup.—BALIEST.—MELCHIOR & Co.

SIGNAL, German steamer, 385, C. A. Hur-
dewitz, Balikot October 6, and Holioh 10,
General.—SIEMENS & Co.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE.

CAPTAIN B. GELCHKE, will be despatched as above
on or about the 24th instant.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to the AGENCY of the
Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 11, 1886. 1949

ARRIVALS.

October 9 1886.—
AMIZO, German steamer, 720, T. Samuel
Singer, Singapore October 2, General.—CIN-
CINNESE.

METAPORA, British steamer, 1,504, A.
C. Crook, Shanghai October 7, General.—C.
M. S. N. O.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For BANGKOK.

For DA-WOO, at 8.30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 14th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

For TAIBEI, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 14th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.

The cobra has not been frequently met with, especially so near to the houses, and steps might be taken to encourage its extirpation.

THE following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve at Hongkong, during the month ended 3rd September, 1866, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published in the *Gazette*:

Bank.	Average Specie in Bank.	Amount. Reserve.
Chart. Marc. Bank of India & China,	8	8
India, Ldon & China,	716,881	230,000
Chart. Bank of India,	1,001,370	400,000
Australia & China,	2,462,453	1,400,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,	4,270,703	2,050,000

Mr. McIntosh, late chief officer of the Amoy, has the Mercury bears, been appointed to the command of the Marco, vice Capt. Gardoué, deceased.

A tourist of morning ago a foreigner living in Hongkong found a snake in his son's bed. When the reptile was disturbed by the child moving, it attempted to climb up one of the bed posts, when it was killed by the boy's father.—N.C.D. News.

According to the *Shih-pao*, of the 20th ult., H. E. Li Hung-chang, after inspecting the German men-of-war at Taku, on the 27th ult., requested Mr. D'Entremont to present their crews with 10 oxen, 100 sheep, 600 chickens, and several piculs of pears and grapes. The man-of-war, however, had left Taku before these things could be conveyed to them, so the Vicereoy Li telegraphed to Shih Taotai, at Chefoo, that when the gun-boats arrived there, they should be presented with the things as mentioned above.—*Shanghai Courier*.

The *Shanghai Courier* of the 6th instant thus records the death of Mr. E. A. Fabris:—Another old and esteemed resident passed away to-day in the person of Mr. E. A. Fabris, who arrived in Shanghai about 24 years ago as silk inspector to the firm of Hogg Brothers. In 1870 he was engaged by the Municipal Council, and has been in their employ ever since. He was also secretary to the Foreign Consular Society.

He was an old Volunteer, having joined the original Rangers about 23 years ago, and was for many years a leading spirit in the Athletic Club and Gymnasium. He died at the early age of 44.

The Tientain correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*, writing on the 1st instant, says:—It is rumoured that Sir Robert Hart's visit to Hankow is, among other things, to see how far it is practicable to open the Lake there for navigation, as memorialised by the Governor-General and Governor of Hupeh.

The following notification is published in Saturday's *Gazette*. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government is pleased to order that the duty charged under Article 17 of the Schedule to Ordinance 16 of 1860, on a Deed of Assignment where no money consideration or a merely nominal money consideration passes shall be \$10 in cases where such Deed of Assignment is merely confirmatory of an Agreement of which the full conveyance duty has been paid. The Collector of Stamp Revenue shall, unless the two deeds referred to in the foregoing paragraph are comprised in one and the same document, deduct by an entry under his hand made upon the Deed stamp with the \$10 duty, that the full conveyance duty (if more than \$10) has been paid upon the other.

Warning on the 1st instant, the Tientain correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—From Taku I learn that Li Hung-chang's steam despatch-boat has been successfully launched, and is now ready to take in the machinery being sent out from Liverpool by Messrs. Birch and Co. She is to steam 18 knots an hour, and Capt. Andrewes is to have command of her. I also learn from Taku that the Chinese gunboat "Chow Kuan" ran into the British barque "Metheng" off the Shau Lin Tar banks. Both vessels are now in the hands of the Taku Dock Co. for repairs.

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SHOOTING MATCH.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & GLOUCESTER.
The following are the complete scores of the match between the Northamptonshire and the Garrison teams, for which we are indebted to the score-takers, M. Sergt. Everett, C. Sergt. Noon and Messrs. McLean and Wilkinson. It will be seen that some very good scores were made. Sergt. Major Phillips made 76 out of a possible of 84, and C. Sergt. McClure, C. Sergt. Delaney and C. Sergt. Tugge each made 75. The Garrison on Saturday missed one of their crack shots, Q. M. Sergt. Jones, who left about a fortnight ago for England. Both teams, as will be observed, made a higher score at the 400 than the 300 yards:—

The Garrison team were entertained by the Northamptonshire Sergeants on Saturday evening at the latter's Mess Room, Murray Barracks. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.		GLOUCESTER.	
PDS.	Total.	PDS.	Total.
200	200	200	200
Sgt. Fricker	244445-22 333252-18 341333-22	200	200
Sgt. McKinley	444425-10 234245-12 323451-24	74	74
C. Sgt. Kendrik	444445-37 323254-21 305245-25	74	74
Sgt. Hester	444425-42 333254-21 305245-24	72	72
C. Sgt. Delaney	344445-27 323254-23 344445-25	70	70
C. S. McClure	344445-27 333254-14 384445-25	70	70
Dr. Galvin	444445-29 323254-23 444445-25	70	70
S. R. Tugge	232345-24 393452-19 323452-21	62	62
S. Dr. Elliot	633332-21 323254-23 453455-23	62	62
C. S. Lowrie	434445-24 323254-23 333254-24	54	54
Total,	352	209	329 928

CANTON.

(From our Correspondent.)

9th October, 1866.
Drought continues, and thus for the public prayers offered by the officials at the temples are admitted by the people to be unavailing. A notion prevails that at times like the present, when means must be found to propitiate heaven, a more rigid adherence to those teachings of the Buddhists which enjoin kindness towards the lower animals will help to bring about the desired result. The book says: "Man's relation to the creatures below him is the counterpart of the relation which he sustains to the heaven above him. The hope of the creatures is in man and man's hope is in heaven." To man and the domestic animals nature has given many traits in common. They are alike gregarious, contented only when they pass their lives in the company of others of the species. The love of life and the fear of death is implanted in both; separation and death mean distress and agony to the lower animals, and they mean the same to man. Let man if he can merits the compassion of heaven in his calamities, show compassion to the creatures below him.

The conduct of the ordinary Chinaman at ordinary times is little influenced by these execrable sentiments. His tender mercies are cruel, so much so that he not unfrequently appears wholly devoid of compassion, possessed of a devilish cruelty and severity.

Now for a short time he is to be made humane and pitiful by law. During the time that special intercessions are made for rain the slaughter of animals is forbidden. In the old city the prohibition was issued a fortnight ago, and remains in force up to the present time. If rain does not fall soon the first mandate is likely to be followed by a second more comprehensive and stringent than the first for bidding the people to kill fish, as well as flesh and fowl.

It cannot be supposed that the pork-shops, eating-houses and other establishments for the sale of food are less well supplied than the prohibition was issued. The killing of animals for food is as general—but not quite as openly—carried on as before the order was given. One class is affected by the mandate of the district Magistrate, the police runners, whose office it is to see that such mandates are obeyed. These gentry profit considerably by an opportunity to squander being afforded of which they are not slow to avail themselves. The amount of black-mail to be levied from the guilds concerned is agreed upon, and each shop

pays daily a regular price for the privilege of breaking the law. There is a slight rise in the price of meat at some to the shops, not because there is less food in the market, but because money has been transferred from the butchers and provision dealers into the pouches of the police runners. The circumstances are similar of those which followed the issue of proclamations intended to regulate the price of rice in the market toward the end of last year. The custom of the market is (as in a case of 3 cents per picul), no more and less. When the police runners, armed with official injunctions, were let loose upon the rice-mERCHANTS consented to fix the price of rice, but the amount of black-mail to be paid to the yamen horse-leeches. And in their turn the merchants forthwith proceeded to put in practice the one rec grized and well understood means of recovering the money they had been compelled to pay, i.e. to stop the mouths of small sums from the people who run rice-boats and who buy from the grain-growers. In proportion to the quantity of rice deposited in the hands of the Canton rice merchants by the middle class buyers who deal directly with the producers, so is the amount of tax levied on the middle-class buyers by the members of the rice merchants' guild.

Before any official proclamation was issued the price of rice was regulated by the usual laws of supply and demand. When the officials interfered a disturbing element was introduced in the shape of heavy exactions by Yamen runners, for which of course consumers had in the end to suffer. So it is now with the new regulation forbidding the people in the old city to slaughter animals. The quantity of flesh and fat in the market remains the same, but the purchaser pays something to the police runner and also to the head of his dianer.

Underling at the Yemens receive good compensation for being placed among the excommunicated classes and ranked as persons who do not of unblushing reputation. Their calling is so lucrative that they can afford to pay well for the situations they fill. True they are liable to be beaten severely for dereliction of duty, but there are always in the precincts of Yemens substitutes

who for a reasonable consideration will give their backs to the smiter and take a sound bambooing instead of the guilty runners.

On the whole the Chinese system is wonderfully well organized and complete its several parts.

A CRY FOR MORE MONEY.*

We have now to deal with the third chapter of Mr. Feuerheide's pamphlet "A Cry for More Money," and it is in this part that the most important consideration of all importance and question, viz., the remedy, is discussed. Mr. Feuerheide commences this chapter by boldly asserting that the British Empire being not only the largest trading nation, but the colonies and the mother country possessing about half the silver in the world, she need not consult other nations to the regulation of her monetary arrangements.

That is his deliberate conviction, and he sees no reason why Britons should not become the world's coiners any more than they should become the world's carriers. Other values are determined in London, and he opines that if Britain adopts the double standard, so it will be in the case of silver. If foreigners wished to pay Britons in silver so much the better, there could not be a safer remittance; if they wanted sovereigns for their silver, let them have them by all means; if they wanted subsidiary coin equivalent for Britain to have her own legal tender coin in the buck as representing notes, cheques, &c. Mr. Feuerheide substantiatingly affirms that this would only take place for short periods, as any appreciation of gold would not, he thinks, be of a lasting nature when once the standard had been fixed by the largest trading nation in the world. Before unfolding his views as to what steps should be taken to effect the rehabilitation of silver, Mr. Feuerheide makes a caustic attack on the officials and politicians who have from indifference allowed this question to remain unvolved for ten years, thus causing British trade and shipping to go to the dogs, and misery to thousands of people, and all this, he says, because fifty Government officials do not consult other nations to the regulation of her monetary arrangements.

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